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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re the Application of

Valerie CHEYNET-SAUVION et al.

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Examiner:

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Docket No.: 104458

For:

RNA-DEPENDENT RNA POLYMERASE FUNCTIONING PREFERABLY ON RNA MATRIX AND PROMOTER-DEPENDENT TRANSCRIPTION PROCESS WITH SAID RNA-DEPENDENT RNA

POLYMERASE

NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Decision of the Primary Examiner dated August 16, 2002.

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Not required (fee paid in prior appeal in this application with no Board Decision on the merits).

The shortened statutory period having expired November 16, 2002, it is hereby requested that the period for response be extended for <u>three</u> months. Included in our enclosed check is \$520 in payment of the fee for a three month extension of time for filing this Notice of Appeal. Payment of \$410 for a two month extension was already made.

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Respectfully submitted,

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